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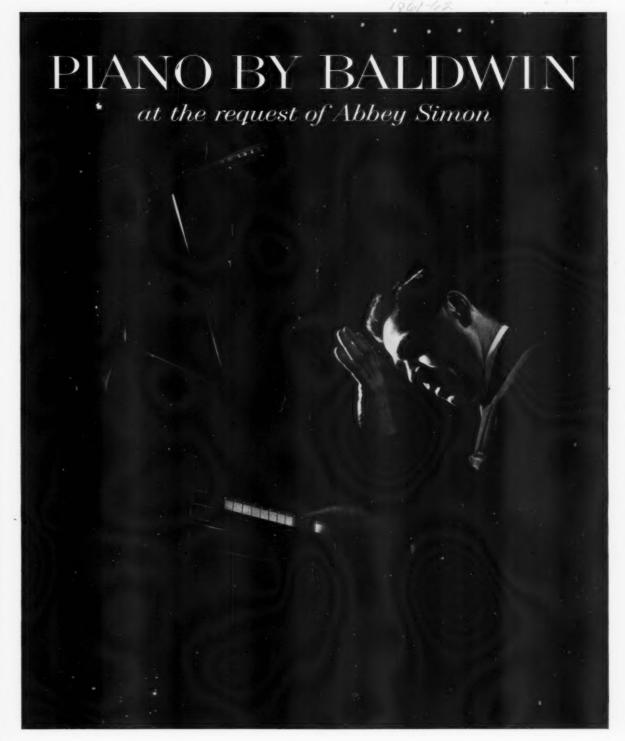
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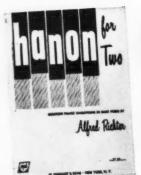
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Clyde Vroman

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In this article I wish to speak to and for our country's many private teachers of music who, traditionally at this time of year, embark on another annual cycle of teaching, with all its careful planning, fervent hopes, and hard work, mixed from time to time with extremes of joyful achievement and disheartening discouragement. Millions of America's talented and fortunate children and thousands of devoted private music teachers are drawn together in order that these youths may have the rich and indispensable benefits of private instruction in music. To these teachers large numbers of parents confidently entrust their most precious possessions, their children, for their individual music instruction.

In searching for an encompassing mood for this article, my mind turned to the first verse of Psalm 121 (R.S.V.) which reads:

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

WHAT A TASK

The great educator and teacher of children, Professor Raleigh Schorling, in his book for young teachers, Student Teaching, 1 selected the following insightful statement by one of his own most admired teachers to establish the mood of sobering responsibility and awesome opportunity which should pervade the hearts and minds of all teachers:

But what a task, nearer that of God than any other vouchsafed to man—to take the creation of God and with His help better it, to bring something of Heaven on earth—preparatory to a more perfect Heaven beyond! Who knows?

I shall not make the dreams, the aspirations, the ambitions, the hopes of these strong, rested, restless, curious children all come true. But I shall wake in them new dreams, new visions of Canaans that each by effort may call his own, and arriving there find the joy of labor and success.

'To better God's work! What audacity, and yet His will And my privilege.'

-Thomas H. Briggs.

Yes, what a task! The musical development and future of each child is significantly and inescapably dependent on the quality and effectiveness of his private music teacher. The child's musical growth, knowledge, and horizons will rarely rise above those of his teacher. Happily, most successful private music teachers know and accept this principle and valiantly strive to meet this

³Raleigh Schorling, Student Teaching. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1940, p. 29.

obligation to improve themselves as musicians and as teachers.

But how and where can private music teachers procure the assistance they need to become better teachers? From whence cometh their help?

I have selected the contents of this article to establish understandings, points of view, and guides for action that will inform and motivate private music teachers to be as energetic in directing their own professional growth as they are in prescribing demanding assignments of their pupils. Such personal improvement of course will

require sacrifices and extended efforts, but it can produce

those high points of motivation and confidence that will add joys to the labors and tasks of teaching.

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THE NATIONAL SCENE

Since all of us, from individuals to complete professional groups, are affected significantly by national developments, let us first look at a few important aspects of the American scene which have great impact on the future of private music teaching in America.

Our population is expanding by leaps and bounds; one-fourth of all Americans are enrolled in some school or college; the educational level of our nation is rising steadily, and no one can predict where it will stop. Most American families commendably desire and seek the best possible education for their children, and this increasingly includes the opportunity to study music.

In this great period of significant growth in our nation, certain conspicuous trends stand out clearly. America has suddenly awakened to and accepted the basic principle that every person should be developed to his highest potential. One of our most pressing concerns in education is to identify, guide, and develop all the talents of every child. In the last decade there has emerged a realistic appreciation and acceptance of the great individual differences in and among people and particularly a recognition that it is not undemocratic to serve and develop as rapidly as possible the special aptitudes and interests of students.

The major current thrust in education is well-defined by John Gardner's frequently used term "pursuit of excellence." The great search is for ways to improve the quality of American education. Educational leaders now recognize and are searching for ways to break the educational lockstep which has been all too prevalent in the past. We now attempt to identify the special interests and talents of children as early as possible, to provide the educational opportunities and training for which these children are ready, and to let them grow as rapidly as possible in their knowledge and skills while not removing them unduly from their own social and age groups.

Furthermore, there is a fortunate and fruitful recognition that the education of children encompasses more than the experiences available to them each day in their schools. American education is making provision to use the out-of-school experiences and opportunities of youngsters to supplement and enrich the educational programs of the schools. Learning experiences after school, on Saturdays, and in the summer months are becoming a vital part of the education of children.

These and other important trends have great significance and implications for the future. The basic question for the private teacher of music is: What is my role in America's pursuit of excellence and how ready am 1 to meet my obligations and my opportunities?

AMERICA'S WAY OF ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

In many nations of the world, educational excellence is sought through the centralized control and direction of education by those with authority to prescribe and enforce their educational convictions.

In America, fortunately, the process works in exactly the opposite manner. We believe that improvement and progress toward excellence must begin in the mind of each individual, where concepts of constructive action are formulated and accepted and where decisions are made to invest the time and energy necessary to achieve improved outcomes. And, we believe that real educational improvement is essentially voluntary and is best achieved by the efforts of devoted people working individually and collectively to reach their common goals.

Thus, it is in the minds and hearts of private music teachers that the first essential steps to ensure the future status and contribution of private music study in American life will be visioned and projected. Here the question is: Will private music teachers rise to their unique opportunities and obligations to help music become one of the indispensable cornerstones of excellence in American education?

THE STATUS OF MUSIC IN AMERICA

Recently there have been some important pronouncements and actions which reflect the favorable climate in which music finds itself in our nation. In the Report of the President's Commission on National Goals, *Goals for Americans*, which outlines "Programs for Action in the Sixties," the Commission says:

"The arts are a vital part of human experience. In the eyes of posterity, the success of the United States as a civilized society will be largely judged by the creative activities of its citizens in art, architecture, literature, music, and the sciences. . . . Professional artists require rigorous discipline; provisions should be made for the long years of training which are required. We should raise our critical standards and widen the area and depth of public appreciation. . . . 1

In his outstanding and widely recognized report, *The American High School Today*, Dr. James B. Conant urges that able students in American schools pursue a very rigorous and complete academic program, but he also significantly says, "All students should be urged to include art and music in their elective programs."²

Probably the most striking and influential development in the forces that influence American high schools and affect private music teachers is the new statement on music appearing in the 1960 edition of Evaluative Criteria of the National Study of Secondary School Evaluation. This is the basic guide used by state and (Continued on page 18)

¹James B. Conant, *The American High School*. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1959, p. 48.

³Goals for Americans, The Report of the President's Commission on National Goals. New York: Prentice-Hall Inc., 1960, p. 9.

THE CREATIVE ARTIST CHALLENGED

BY LLOYD ULTAN

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DURING the past several years our widely varied media of communication have been thoroughly dedicated to the presentation of the innumerable extensive reports and analyses of scientific developments, comparisons between Soviet Russia and the United States, and speculations as to the future of science, peace and the very existence of the human race.

Far be it from this author to undermine the significance of these endeavors, for the question of the continued existence of the human race should certainly be considered of paramount importance. However, we must not lose sight of those qualities and characteristics that set us apart from other species of life. We must continue to attempt to think and reason creatively and not become the slaves of the fantastic scientific progress which almost seems to have engulfed these human capacities.

The artist, who in many ways may appear to be a misfit in this twentieth century, is confronted with one of the most imposing challenges in this historic period of scientific fertility. The vital and fundamental educational decisions which must be made will certainly be a significant challenge to his prestige and influence. But, considerably more basic and germane is the question as to whether he will be able to retain a high enough degree of sensitivity to his culture and its infinitesimal complexity to continue in any one of his vital roles—portrayer and/or interpreter of society, historian, and above all, the provocative stimulant of critical, subjective societal introspection.

There is little question in the author's mind that this century is demanding and will continue to demand a heightened intellectual stature of the citizens of the world. As we grope through the latter half of this twentieth century and enter the twenty-first, the importance of the intellect will loom ever more obviously before us. The progress of scientific achievement, the ever increasing complexity of the governmental and economic functions, and the awakening of long dormant peoples in formerly remote and almost legendary lands, will continue to magnify the degree of change to which we must adjust ourselves.

It is for the poet, the playwright, the artist, and the composer to demonstrate his sensitivity and comprehension of the subtlety embedded in the massiveness of physical, economic, social and philosophical change. The stigma concerning the superficiality of the arts which has been unwittingly nurtured in our educational institutions, in itself poses a challenge of some magnitude to the artist. The "have fun" and "recreational" philosophy which has been applied to the arts is perhaps justified

within some extremely limited boundaries. However, the aris must be taken seriously by our intelligentsia and the public at large, and must be recognized as a sensitive, perceptive means of communication. But, this attitude is of particular significance as concerns the approach the artist must take toward his art and through it to his audience.

The position in which the creative artist is placed today is not a unique one historically. An interesting parallel may be seen between the late sixteenth-early seventeenth centuries and the present. As Copernicus, followed by Kepler, Galileo and later Newton, gave us a new perspective of the universe in the realm of the sciences, men such as Shakespeare, Bacon and Cervantes gave us the "new literature" and the Camerata, Gabrieli and Monteverdi gave us a new perspective of music. Needless to say the significance of the scientific achievements of that period, in terms of the obliteration of humanity, cannot be favorably compared with the atomic and hydrogen bombs although the realization that the Earth was not the center of the universe was a shattering enough experience for those who had been so oriented. At the same time, although the diffusion of the arts was not even remotely comparable to the present audience, the renaissance of thought presented by such creative minds as those mentioned had an infinitely powerful impact on our cultural heritage to the present.

As that renaissance released the minds of men from the stultifying dogmas of the Medieval Church and the feudal system, similarly the creative individual in our contemporary society is faced with the challenge of evolving a mode of expression and an attitude toward life that will complement, temper and assist in the interpretation and understanding of the infinite complexities of daily social intercourse.

The "intellectual revolution" which we may hopefully envision on the horizon as a result of the recent scientific strides, is one from which the artist must extract every advantage. That which the prestige and depth of the arts has been perhaps too subtle to accomplish, fear and the broadened horizons of man's imagination seems likely to achieve at long last—man may learn to think and to reason. Should this hopeful judgment prove to be a truism, the creative arts will have the opportunity to blossom forth with unprecedented force and impact.

Statistical studies have demonstrated the rapid upward trend in the average number of years our own adult population spends and will have spent in formal school-

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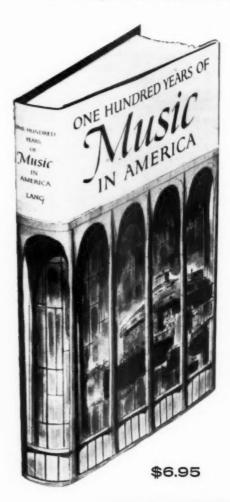
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A NEW FIELD FOR MTNA

A COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC INSTRUMENTS

By Robert A. Warner

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AT the last national convention of MTNA held in Philadelphia in February of 1961, the executive committee approved the establishment of a Committee on Historic Instruments and charged this committee with the task of preparing appropriate convention programs for the next biennial convention to be held in Chicago in February of 1963. The establishment of this committee marks another forward step for MTNA and further broadens the scope of its impressive service to the music teachers of America.

Insterest in the field of historic instruments has been growing rapidly in the last decade. Fine professional ensembles such as the New York Pro Musica perform to full houses wherever they travel. A glance at new record releases testifies to the fact that the products of this and other fine ensembles are in substantial demand. It is only natural, however, that musicians should want to perform as well as listen, and even singers need the accompaniment of appropriate instruments. Consequently, Collegium Musicum groups in many music schools are placing increased emphasis on the use of historic instruments; and individuals, both professionals and amateur, are buying harpsichords, recorders, viols, and other historic instruments.

The renaissance of the recorder has progressed to the stage where a national organization, The American Recorder Society, has been created to serve the needs of these enthusiasts, but competent teachers of the recorder are still rare. Aspiring viol players are less fortunate. If they have been able to obtain an instrument, they can rarely find instruction. As a result the playing of historic stringed instruments is far less common, but many performers on modern stringed instruments maintain a smouldering desire for an opportunity. An agency is needed which will not only assist string and wind instrument players but which will also coordinate their activity with vocal performance for a full realization of the beauties of the music of history. Such an agency must

start at the beginning: collecting information on instruments available for purchase, publicizing materials for study and performance, and discussing basic problems of technic, never forgetting, of course, that the ultimate aim is the artistic performance of early music by historically accurate and musically effective mediums. This is the task facing the new committee on historic instruments.

At this time, the committee is in a formative stage both in regard to personnel and program. Nevertheless, work has been started by its acting chairman, Robert A. Warner, Howard Brown of the music faculty at the University of Chicago, director of their Collegium Musicum concerts, and a fine artist on the recorder has accepted membership. Three other key people have agreed to serve: LaNoue Davenport, recorder player with the New York Pro Musica, President of the American Recorder Society and director of the newly-established Recorder Workshop at The National Music Camp at Interlochen: Robert Klotman, Director of Music in the Akron Public Schools, a highly respected string teacher, a tenor violist, and the treasurer of the American String Teachers Association; and Dr. Albert Cohen of The University of Michigan Department of Music Theory, a treble violist affiliated with the Michigan Consort. All four have endorsed the aims of this committee enthusiastically. The acceptance of Mr. Davenport and Mr. Klotman establishes an appropriate liaison between this committee. The American Recorder Society, and The American String Teachers Association.

The committee would appreciate communications from those interested in its work, indicating the particular area of their interest. In addition, any suggestions concerning the proposed activities of the committee and the needs for convention sessions would be highly appreciated. Please send such communications to Robert A. Warner, Acting Chairman, Committee on Historic Instruments, MTNA, School of Music, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

How to Teach Yourself the Rudiments of Playing the Viol

A SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY ACCOUNT

Dr. Albert Cohen, a specialist in seventeenth-century French performance practice, is a member of the teaching staff of the University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

By Albert Cohen

CURRENT interest in the performance of music written prior to the mid-eighteenth century, on instruments for which such music was originally intended, has resulted in concerns of practical significance. Basically, these relate to the structure and design of the instruments themselves, the method of performing on them, and the literature available for such performance. Of the three, the method of performing on historic instruments is the one which has been dealt with least adequately by modern scholars and editors. Paradoxically, it is the one that has perhaps aroused the most concern among present-day performers on these instruments, out of practical necessity. The problem is indeed a manifold one, and much remains to be done in investigating the often meager and contradictory sources related to performance practice of earlier timesas much for the individual performer as for the group of performers.

Much of the present-day movement has become an intellectual, adult preoccupation. But it is important to bear in mind that in earlier times such musical practice pervaded the activities of most classes and of all ages. The training of children in music was a concern then as it is now, and instrumental tutors designed for the amateur musician appeared not infrequently, especially towards the end of the seventeenth century and the beginning of the eighteenth.

One such tutor is The Art of Playing the Treble and Bass Viol by Danoville, a work which was published by Christophe Ballard in Paris in 1687.² One of the earliest French tutors for viol to appear, it was issued only shortly before the more thorough and well-known Treatise on the Viol by Jean Rousseau, published during the same year.

A particularly interesting aspect of the work by Danoville is that it is designed for one who wishes to learn how to play the viol "in a short period of time, and even without the aid of any teacher." In an introductory paragraph, the author promises to describe to the reader a method by which he can acquire "within six months a skill which others require complete years [to achieve]." Like most such tutors, past and present, Danoville's promises more than it can possibly accomplish. Nevertheless, the work is of value for the stress that it places on various practical details of viol playing which are often ignored in other publications devoted to the viol that appeared during the seventeenth century.

Most of the work is concerned with a description of the basic elements of musical notation and of viol tablature, an understanding of the fingerboard and of the methods of tuning the viol, and a review of the ornaments that are applied in solo performance. These facets of viol performance are not uncommonly found in other treatises of the time. What is unusual, however, is the material with which Danoville opens his work. This is related to the most elementary concern of most performers-how to hold the instrument and the bow, the proper method of placing the fingers on the fingerboard, and the correct manner of drawing the bow across the strings.

The first section of Danoville's treatise should prove helpful to present-day beginners on the viol who may wish to teach themselves the rudiments of viol playing. The major portion of Part I is given below in

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The title of the work reads as follows, L'Art de toucher le dessus et basse de viole, contenant tout ce qu'il y a de nécessaire, d'utile & de curieux dans cette science. The sole copy of the print that appears to have survived in the public domain, and the one that was used as the basis for the translation below, resides in Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique in Brussels.

verselle (Paris, 1636), pp. 202ff, describes a "method which is used for teaching children to play the viol." For an English translation of this passage, see Roger E. Chapman's edition of Mersenne's Traité (The Hague, 1957), pp. 261ff.

¹ For example, Marin Mersenne, in the Traité des instruments of his Harmonie uni-

MEMO

To: Members of MTNA Piano Section From: Polly Gibbs, Chairman

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THE importance of teaching pupils to read well at sight is a matter that concerns piano teachers everywhere. We are keenly aware of the fact that good readers are able to learn more music, and therefore more about music, in a given length of time than slow readers. For this and other reasons, we study the learning problems of each of our students for the purpose of helping him improve his sight reading skills.

Some pupils seem talented in reading. That is, they read fluently without seeming to put much effort into learning how. On the other hand, some pupils of equal or even superior performing ability appear to be incapable of becoming excellent readers.

However, experienced teachers usually agree that with carefully directed practice all piano students can improve in this important skill. The secret seems to lie in consistently following a well-planned program.

In this work, as in other kinds of study, motivation is important. The teacher must convince the pupil that fluency in sight reading at the piano is necessary to his musical welfare and that he can improve if he puts forth enough effort. A confident student is often successful, whereas one who goes through the same motions without much hope is likely to fail.

Instead of allowing the student to select his own reading materials, teachers often maintain a lending library, sometimes with a rental fee, or a circulating library among students of approximately the same advancement level, each person buying one or more books which can be passed around among members of the group.

In any case the teacher would make daily assignments

for reading, and show the pupil how to attack the various problems in the assigned numbers. It is necessary to hear at the next lesson only enough of the material to show the pupil that it is an important part of his overall assignment.

Group work is especially useful in providing both incentive and opportunity for sight reading. Piano ensemble numbers and song accompaniments such as those found in school music accompaniment books are excellent for use in groups. One student might play the accompaniment while others of the group sing, or perhaps the song part might be played on another piano. Sight reading festivals planned several weeks in advance help keep the daily practice more purposeful.

Whether the teacher uses the group or the individual lesson, he must at all costs succeed in keeping the pupil's interest and determination high.

The above comments assume that the student is past the beginning stage. He understands the arrangement of black and white keys and can visualize groups of these keys as required to play his simple pieces.

It is important that he have mental pictures of keys in many different groupings at an early stage so that later he can follow notation without having to look at his hands. He must be aware of skips of thirds, fourths, fifths, and so forth, on the keyboard.

A firm foundation on which to build reading skills also includes rote playing in many keys and in various rhythm patterns. The pupil plays tunes before he understands their notation.

He learns later that up and down on the keyboard is pictured on the staff by notes moving up and down. He must form the habit of thinking these directions along with skips shown on the staff. Thus from one line to the next is a third; that is, one key is skipped. Then he realizes the principle of notation: every other white key is represented by notes on successive lines of the staff.

Soon scales and chords strengthen the pupil's understanding of the relation of score and keyboard. A piece with a signature of four sharps, for example, will involve certain groups of keys.

Some suggestions for the earliest reading drills are:

- 1. Use short phrases and only one hand at a time.
- 2. Use both treble and bass from the beginning, but choose pieces which have each phrase entirely on one staff, not moving from one to the other. Avoid anything that encourages note by note deciphering. Emphasize anything that leads to thinking groups of notes at one time.
- It is well to use five-finger groups or simple extensions in early reading drills so as to prevent complications caused by fingering problems.
- 4. Tunes already learned by imitation should be used for the earliest study of notational details. Then the relation between what has been played and its picture on the staff becomes clear. The rise and fall of pitch has been heard, seen on the keyboard, felt through the muscles, and seen as pictured on the staff. Rhythm problems are clarified similarly.
- Tunes played by ear may be written on the staff as a further aid to understanding the notation of direction and intervals involved in each phrase.
- 6. A helpful practice is that of saying aloud the direc-

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Some Thoughts on Private Teaching

BY CLIFFORD A. COOK

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Recently a plumber spent two minutes making a slight repair in my bathroom. No new part was involved. The bill for this service was \$4.25. At this rate of compensation, a half-hour job would cost \$63.75.

Most music teachers have at least as much professional preparation as the average plumber has. Investment in tools of the trade, such as several grand pianos and an extensive library of music, should balance the cost of the plumber's required equipment. But what music teacher can charge \$4.25 for two minutes of his professional services? Surely the conscientious music teacher's lessons at \$1.50, \$3.00, or \$5.00 are a great bargain today!

II

What is a good lesson? From the viewpoint of the child a good lesson is one in which the assignment is played in such a way that the teacher finds little to criticize. This is one type of good lesson.

But may not a lesson also be "good" when it contains considerable criticism as well as praise? Helpful advice and instruction concern improvement of faults and weaknesses, as well as pointing out virtues and building confidence. It is in a delicate balance of praise and shock treatment, correctly adjusted for each student, that the music teacher shows himself to be an astute psychologist.

What was learned in the lesson? (It's not just a matter of how well the student played.) The child and his parents have the right to ask this question about each lesson: Did we get our money's worth?

III

High-pressure and low-pressure teaching—both have proved successful; each has failed with certain students not adapted to such instruction. Even the best pitchers don't win all their ball games or the best hitters get a home run every time at bat! Likewise, the music teacher can't expect to "win them all." He should teach in the way that is natural for him, that expresses his own true personality.

IV

Short lessons with some master teachers:

Ottokar Sevcik's students say his great gift was that he taught them how to practice and to think for themselves.

Leopold Auer: "One great point I lay stress on in

teaching is never to kill the individuality of my various pupils. Another great principle in my teaching is to demand as much as possible of the pupil. Then he will give you something!"

Leon Sametini: "The mistake made by so many teachiers is that they unfortunately try to cover too much territory. We would all be much better off if the teacher would not teach beyond that which he has thoroughly studied and mastered himself."

George Enesco never seemed concerned with time in his teaching. He showed a sense of eternity, difficult for a busy teacher to acquire.

Pablo Casals has the capacity for staying at a thing endlessly until it is "right." According to one of his artist-students, Casals' lessons were like "peeling an onion." As the student finished playing a selection, Casals complimented him, "but . . ." The selection was repeated; again a compliment was followed by another "but . . ." This process went on until the student was exhausted.

Ivan Galamian has maintained a teaching schedule of such intensity and success as to merit being called a fanatic on violin teaching. His enthusiasm and persistence in solving each problem for his students are well known. He says: "The teacher must be even in temperament, not subject to moods. I remember when I was studying. Sometimes I would practice very hard and go for a lesson which I thought would be a good one. The teacher was in a bad mood. He would tell me I had a terrible lesson. Perhaps another time I would not practice at all. The teacher was feeling fine. He would tell me I had a good lesson. Such a situation should not be. A student soon wonders why he should practice at all! The pupils are more sensitive than we think they are."

Albert Schweitzer has written that "there is a modesty of the soul, as well as of the body." Let the teacher beware of "playing God" with his trusting students, or their disillusionment may follow.

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The artist is concerned with his own problems, the teacher with other people's problems. When an artist first turns to teaching, considerable groping is likely to result along two lines: (1) a tendency to rely excessively on his own playing for students, setting up a model and letting it go at that; (2) emphasis on one

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CONGRESSIONAL BILLS REQUIRING YOUR ACTION

PAUL COOPER

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This article presents a digest of two bills introduced in the first session of the 87th Congress which are of great significance to the arts.

TWO legislative items introduced in the 87th Congress demand the immediate attention of all persons interested in music and the arts. Senators Clark and Javits have each authored bills which would prompt the cultural growth of this country. The two bills differ in approach and in execution but I believe that the basic intent of each is similar: 1) to provide for the growth of the arts in the United States—particularly in the culturally remote areas—and 2) to assure that American culture is an effective and powerful force on the international scene.

The usual negative concerns over expenditures and federal interference are scarcely applicable for either of these bills. The appropriations requested in each is a modest sum and federal interference—other than certain necessities of administration—appear to be not only minimal but non-existent.

An attempt has been made to convey the essentials of these two bills in an objective manner. Euterpe, in all probability, is non-partisan and perhaps our clue can be taken from her. The importance of these bills cannot be over-estimated yet the passage of one of the measures will require the immediate and tangible support of all persons associated with the arts. In confirming your support for one of these bills write to your senator or to Senator Joseph Clark or Senator Jacob Javits, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. Five minutes of our time, NOW, may help write an admirable page of history.

CLARK BILL

The Clark Bill (S. 785), introduced February 2, 1961 by Senators Clark, Humphrey and Pell, would provide a program of Federal grants to States, designed to help the individual States develop their resources in the major art fields-music, drama, dance, literature, architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, and television. The stated purposes of the grants include assistance to the States in undertaking inventories of existing projects in the major art fields, surveys of the need for additional programs, development of both so as to furnish adequate programs, facilities and services in the arts to all the people; construction of public and other non-profit centers for performance, teaching, exhibition, protection of historical, architectural and artistic monuments, and support of research and demonstrations in the various art fields.

The bill stipulates that Congress appropriate \$5,200,000 for 1961 (and similar amounts in subsequent years) to finance these grants, and outlines exact and specific requirements which must be met by the States in order to become eligible to benefit by the "National Cultural Development Act." In applying for a grant, a State would designate a State agency as the sole administrator of the plan, setting forth a program under which funds would be expended solely on projects approved by the State Agency, provide for reports by the State Agency as required from time to time, assure coordination of the program with existing cultural activities of educational and other public and non-profit organizations in the State, and provide for proper fiscal controls and accounting procedures.

Each State, for which a plan had been approved, would be entitled to an allotment equal to the total appropriation for Federal grants divided by the total number of States (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico), with the provision, however, that in no case the Federal share of the cost of a State program or project should exceed 50 per cent of the total cost. To illustrate-under the requested appropriation of five million, two hundred thousand dollars for 1961, each State meeting the requirements would be entitled to a grant of one hundred thousand dollars. If any portion of a State allotment remained unobligated at the end of the fiscal year, that portion would be made available to the State for the same purposes for the next fiscal year in addition to its next allotment. In the event of withdrawal of certification of a State Agency for non-compliance, such as diversion of funds, improper expenditures, inadequate State participation etc., no further payments would be made by the Federal government until correction of the default or failure, or, if correction were impossible, until the State would repay improperly expended Federal

The administration of the Federal Grants as provided in the Clark Bill would come under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, who would approve, modify or reject individual State plans (in compliance with the provisions of the Bill), would determine the proportion of the cost of the program to be borne by the Federal Government (not to exceed, as mentioned above, a Federal share of 50 per cent of the total), would require reports by the State Agency, and would withdraw certification from a State Agency—after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing—in the event of non-compliance with the provisions of the Bill.

JAVITS BILL

This Bill (S. 1250), introduced by Senator Javits, March 8, 1961 proposes that Congress establish a United (Continued on page 21)

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Plans for the 5th biennial convention of the Western Central Division of Music Teachers National Association are being completed by section chairmen. First Vice President, Mr. Robert Dexter Fee, of Denver University, is in charge of the program. The Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha will be the site of the meeting which will be from February 27 through March 2, 1962.

Local chairman for the convention will be Mrs. Mildred S. Rush, and co-chairman will be Mrs. John G. Flannigan, president of the Omaha Music Teachers Association.

A pre-convention meeting of the Council of State and Local Associations will be held beginning on Monday, February 26, 1962. Dr. Francis J. Pyle of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, Second Vice President of the Western Central Division, is organizing this meeting. It will consist of a workshop for all officers of the state and local associations.

A general session will feature the performances of string quartets composed by members who are residents in the states comprising the Western Central Division. Dr. Robert C. Marek of the Music Department of the State University of South Dakota, Vermillion, is chairman of the American Music Section. The resident string quartet of Kansas State University, Manhattan, will perform the quartets at the general session which will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 1962. Members of the quartet are:

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Criterion 7. Teachers encourage selected students to study (music) privately.

study (music) privately.
Criterion 8. The contributions of private teachers to the school music program are recognized and encouraged.¹

In my opinion these two statements constitute a new milestone in the coordination and unification of private and school music teaching. They make possible an entirely new climate in which to bridge the gap between the work of the private music teacher and the instructional program of the high schools.

I am saying as forcefully as possible that the dramatic changes which are happening in our nation and in our educational system provide abundant opportunities and challenging obligations for the profession of the private music teacher. Never were conditions so fortunately appropriate and ready for leadership and action.

But two major questions press us: First, will this action and change occur by the united and voluntary action of music teachers and their elected leaders, or will it occur through external agencies and legal means? And second, will the needed actions occur without being "too little and too late?"

YOUR PROFESSIONAL ROLES AND OBLIGATIONS

Your work as a private music teacher can be divided into certain very specific and inescapable professional roles and obligations:

1. To the children you teach. Are your pupils receiving the best instruction which your profession can

provide? Are the music talents of these children in their formative and priceless years being developed most appropriately and effectively? Are you adequately preparing the pupils for their continuous musical development after they leave your teaching and care?

Private music teachers have the privilege accorded to few other teaching fields-the opportunity to teach pupils individually rather than in groups. Each pupil can have an 'honors program'' designed to take him as far and as fast as his talents and ambition will take him. It is not enough that the pupil is good or even superior. The question is: Is the pupil stretching himself to his full capacity and reaching his highest level of excellence? Anything less is only tolerating mediocrity on the part of the pupil and of the teacher.

2. To the parents of your pupils. Are you fully justifying their faith in you and their great dependence upon you as a teacher?

3. To the schools your pupils attend. Are you in close communication and cooperation with the school authorities and the school music teacher? Does your teaching supplement and enrich the schools' music and educational programs?

Private music teachers must reach out beyond the comfortable security of their studios and rise above the complacency of their own egos. We can no longer tolerate the isolation and separation of the private music teacher from her counterparts in the schools, Private and school teachers must unite in their efforts to give every child his full measure of our musical heritage and future.

4. To your state and country. Does your teaching carry out the aims of our society for the fullest possible development of each child within a total concept of the individual's obligation to his fellow man and to the welfare of our nation?

5. To your profession. Are you doing your part to maintain and improve the quality and effectiveness of the profession of private music teaching? Are you paving the way for the next generation of music teachers to follow in your footsteps at a higher level of quality and effectiveness?

Professional participation is a two-way process in which you both receive and give. Your obligation to grow professionally has a counterpart in your duty to contribute your knowledge and experiences to your professional associates and peers. As the years of your teaching career roll by, your role in professional activities shifts from the follower functions to the leadership services. Both processes invariably enrich your teaching and increase the probability that your pupils will receive their full measure of knowledge and inspiration from your teaching.

The least you can do as you begin another year of teaching is to face such questions as these squarely and evaluate yourself critically as a private teacher of music. If you are like most of us, you will not be very satisfied with the answers you find. I would even hope and predict that you will be uncomfortable enough to be motivated anew to do something additional this year about your own competencies and the challenges which surround your professional roles and obligations as one of America's private music teachers.

As you review your past years of teaching and plan for the coming year, you may have disturbing memories like the teacher in the following quotation, for which I again am indebted to Professor Raleigh Schorling:¹

"I TAUGHT THEM ALL

"I have taught in high school for ten years. During that time I have given assignments, among others, to a murderer, an evangelist, a pugilist, a thief, and an imbecile.

"The murderer was a quiet little boy who sat on the front seat and regarded me with pale blue eyes; the evangelist, easily the most popular boy in the school, had the lead in the junior play; the pugilist lounged by the window and let loose at intervals a raucous laugh that startled even the geraniums; the thief was a gay-hearted Lothario with a song on his lips; and the imbecile, a softeyed little animal seeking the shadows.

"The murderer awaits death in the state penitentiary; the evangelist has lain a year now in the village church-

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This statement signed N. J. W. appeared in *The Clearing House* for November, 1937, and was quoted by Dr. Schorling in *Student Teaching*, op. cit., p. 47.

¹Evaluative Criteria. Washington, D.C.: National Study of Secondary School Evaluation, 1960 Edition, p. 179.

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ing in the very near future. In addition, a wide variety of studies are being made public with increasing frequency concerning the work being done by various governments and organizations in the primitive regions of the world to provide an education for these long dormant, isolated peoples.

This widespread activity will, of necessity, radically alter the complexion of our civilization and will in turn demand a more stimulating and challenging intellectual climate. A true understanding of and sensitivity to the language and spirit of the arts may then justifiably be expected to be forthcoming from a mass audience.

This broad scope of influence is one which is desperately sought at the present time, but there are only a few who would pretend to themselves that much more than a small degree of that influence has actually been achieved.

There is one precept which this author considers to be of vital importance in the establishment of a rewarding and meaningful experience with a work of art; one which should be hailed by every artist and sought by every lover of the arts; one which, by the very nature of our civilization, has almost been lost to posterity—that is, intimacy.

Due perhaps to the rapid pace of our culture, the wide variety of distractions justified by the rather innocuous terms — "entertainment," "recreation," or "diversion," or perhaps to the very threatening so-called "Population Bomb," the opportunity for an intimate relationship with a work of art has become extremely

The intimate relationship of which
I speak is that relationship which
d facilitates a meeting of the minds.
It is one that provides an opportunity
for the creative artist to "converse"
with his public under circumstances
which are conducive to careful dediberation, sensitive perception and
keen introspection.

Our way of life provides little opportunity for intimacy. The marvel of television has been frequently pointed to as being a "return to the family unit" or as the "finest" entertainment in the "intimacy" and comfort of one's own living room.

There is little question as to the fact that the television industry does occasionally provide an "entertaining," educational or provocative show. But, as for intimacy, nothing could be further from the truth.

Yes, the situation is an intimate one in the sense that an individual may sit in his pajamas or her nightgown watching a performance having a "cast of thousands." However, intimacy is not a principal or final goal in the process of preparing programming which is frequently directed at no more than a six year old's mentality and is intended to provide a handsome profit for the sponsors by appealing to audiences which number in the many millions.

The merits and weaknesses of television are certainly not our concern in this discussion. We should recognize, however, that the artistic quality is often highly questionable and the degree of intimacy is virtually nonexistent.

It is this author's firm contention that no matter how high the fidelity, how stereo the stereophonic, or how curved and colorful the screens become, there is no substitute for a live experience in the concert hall, on the stage or in the museums of art—abridged versions of the great literary classics do not even deserve to be mentioned.

The artist cannot retain any degree of integrity if he can compromise with this precept. Certainly it is wonderful that fine reproductions of great art works (be they plates or platters) are available to the public at large, and that a much broader awareness of art generates from their existence. But, let us be adamant about our insistence that a secondary

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CREATIVE . . .

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or tertiary source can never provide a valid basis for the extraction of the depths or subtleties of the master's creative genius.

It is not my intention, by these remarks, to suggest that the artist should not permit reproductions or recordings to be made of his works, or that he should condemn such a practice. Quite the contrary. It is infinitely satisfying to a composer to learn that an organization is desirous of recording his latest symphony, not to speak of the all too modest remuneration which he might expect for his efforts. Such recognition is rewarding to the artist and good for the culture at large.

But, at the same time, a vigorous campaign must incessantly be waged to promote the general acceptance of the basic precept that a book must be read: music must be heard in live performance (no panning television cameras or distorting microphones); the visual and plastic arts must be seen in the original if the material which is basic to their very existence is to exercise its true influence; and, the dramatic arts must provide an opportunity for a meaningful relationship to develop between the actor and his audience.

Stated in a more concise manner, the obvious representation of a work of art represents the subtlety, intricacy, and depth of the work no more than the outer skin or shell of a guided missile represents the fantastic engineering and scientific achievements embodied within.

The challenge which is faced by the creative artist consists then of a complex of factors which become so intertwined as to make isolation, even for the sake of discussion, almost a fruitless chore. However, if a concise identification of the integral parts will assist in clarifying and unifying the broad challenge, this effort is justified.

In the first instance, the artist must develop a keen awareness of the world in which he lives, its people and some understanding of the degree of the complexity of social interaction. He must, at the same time, exert a major effort to provide a stabilizing influence as our educational system is scrutinized and must prevent the evolution of an unbalanced curriculum which pays naught but lip service to the existence of the arts.

As a more reasonable balance between the significance of emotional and intellectual stimulation, reaction is achieved through the magnification of the mental capacities of man. The artist must also strive to attain that balance in his creative endeavors. And finally, the nurturing of one of the most vital aspects of artistaudience communication, the opportunity for an intimate relationship between art and perceiver, must be propounded unceasingly by the spokesmen for and recorders of our civilization.

This multiplicity of ideas is the challenge faced by the creative artist. They must become the very marrow in the bones of the creative being which, when injected with the energy and personal realm of experience, joys, frustrations and sorrows, will provide the inspired creative expression of our contemporary civiliza-

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The Foundation would seek to promote both instruction in and performance of performing and visual arts, by financial assistance and support to professional and civic groups and non-profit private, public, educational, institutional or government groups provided that no part of the net earnings of such groups may inure to the benefit of private stockholders.

The Foundation would encourage performance of new works as well as existing literature, with special emphasis on the works of citizens and residents of the United States and the Americas.

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Structurally, Senator Javits' bill provides that the Foundation be directed by a board of twelve trustees and a Director, all to be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, and providing wherever possible for representation to the arts, to civic, educational, professional, and trade union groups concerned with the performing and visual arts. The Foundation in turn would be authorized to appoint persons not connected with the Foundation to serve on committees and panels concerned with particular aspects of the arts and particular regions of the country.

The financial support for the Foundation would be provided by congressional appropriations: \$5,000,000 for 1962 and amounts not to exceed \$10,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal year, to be determined by the Congress.

In addition, the Foundation would seek to develop, wherever practicable, the principal of matching funds with States and public or private agencies, and would be specifically authorized to accept gifts, loans, leases, to purchase and to dispose of property, and to utilize uncompensated volunteer personnel and services.

Lastly, the bill provides that the Foundation render an annual report to the President for submission to the Congress, summarizing activities and presenting recommendations.

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tion and interval: for example, D-up-up-down a third. This is followed by playing the keys as directions are recited. Then letter names of the keys may be added. Such practice helps form the habit of thinking the shape of a group of notes.

For the more advanced student the following suggestions may be used:

- 1. Select material somewhat easier than that used for repertoire.
- 2. Before beginning to play, form habits of observing all preliminary details such as clef and key signature. Title, composer, and the musical directions usually given in upper left corner must not be overlooked.
- 3. Determine the chief rhythmic patterns and clap them before beginning to play.
- 4. Scan the piece for difficulties including changes of clef and signatures.
- Visualize scale groupings as indicated by the signature. If necessary, play the scale.
- 6. Look for repeated melodic and harmonic patterns and for scale and broken chord passages.
- 7. Play at least the notes that come on the important pulses of each measure, even though some intervening must be skipped. Practice in playing only these important pulses of each measure helps develop a rhythmic movement of the eye across the page, a characteristic of good reading.
- 8. Feel the beat and movement of the music and be carried along on this movement. Keep going no matter what happens.
- 9. Read double notes and chords in the same manner as melodies are read: i.e., up from the lowest note in certain intervals. Successive chords should be compared for repeated notes.

Above all, the student must feel that a first reading should be as correct as possible. He should feel an urgency to do well, as well as he would want to do if he should never again have such a chance. Daily work of this sort pays in increased skill in accurate reading.

FURTHER REPORTS ON RELEASED TIME FOR PIANO LESSONS

Summer workshops gave me an opportunity to find out more about the practices of several states in the matter of released time from school for piano lessons. Several teachers reported that schools gladly granted the privilege because of the advantage to the school music program when students had piano lessons.

Schools in Idaho, Washington, Kansas, and Arkansas were represented by teachers who gave favorable reports. Many other cities and towns have piano teachers in the school building, but do not permit students to go to outside studios.

If you are interested in the names of towns where released time is granted, let me hear from you. Please write also if you can add to our list.

HOW TO TEACH . . .

(Continued from page 11) an English translation.³

THE ART OF PLAYING THE VIOL

The first discipline that I prescribe for myself, and the rule that I advise

³ This material is found on pp. 7 to 14 of the work, which is in four parts and comprises 48 pages in all. all those who are interested in this art to observe, is to abstain from making any faces, such as gestures of the head, openings of the mouth, and restlessness of the body, which are postures that generally displease everyone. This is so much the case that those who execute the most difficult pieces while fidgeting do not please as much as those who play only a Minuet, but in a graceful way. It is said of the former that he has a good hand but that he makes contortions and postures while playing, and of the latter that he plays only

short tunes but that the manner with which he presents them is engaging, and by his graceful bearing he attracts the admiration of everyone.

CHAPTER I

THE MANNER OF HOLDING

THE VIOL

A large man should use a seat proportioned to his height, one which is neither too high nor too low. Next, he should sit on the edge of it and not on the flat part, because he would then not be able to hold the viol well. After that, he should support the viol between the calves of the legs, without clasping it with the knees, and always turning the toe of the left foot outwards. In this manner the viol will be placed in its requisite position.

A small man should likewise use a proportioned seat, and sit in the same manner that I have prescribed for the former.

CHAPTER II

ON THE POSITION OF THE

HAND

When the viol is supported and placed at a height that is appropriate and necessary, the hand should be placed in the proper position. This hand position is of no small consequence; it is by means of its fine deportment that one can execute chords. . . . It is impossible for those who have the habit of gripping the viol to ever execute anything with cleanliness, because they are obliged to play with the flat part of the finger, and the hand, because of continuous irregular movements, slips from the top of the fingerboard to the bottom. It is necessary therefore to avoid this bad habit and to acquire the good one that is explained in the rule which follows.

In the first place, the fingerboard of the viol should be held away from the left eye by the distance of a good half-foot, tilted a little forward. Then, the hand should take its proper

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position.

The elbow should be held a bit elevated, and the fingers always bent. They should be raised above the fingerboard by only the thickness of a coin.4 It is necessary that the tip of the first finger be always turned towards the pegs, and that the others be separated by an equal distance. The thumb should always hold its position under the second finger, and follow it wherever it might shift during the course of a piece. The thumb should always lie flat. Observe that it is necessary to avoid having a hollow hand, and that the wrist must be held a bit raised. When the heavy strings are to be fingered, the elbow and the wrist should be raised as an aid, and the fingerboard of the viol should be held aside more than usual to suit the convenience of the performer.

It is necessary to explain and to make clear the reasons for not raising the fingers above the frets of the fingerboard more than the thickness of a coin. Here is its importance: When the fingers are too elevated, they fall either before or after the bow has struck the string; thus one never fingers properly because of the distance. The strokes of the finger that do not occur at the same time as those of the bow produce an intolerable cacophony. But when they correspond well to one another, they are united by custom and practice in a manner so agreeable that they always produce an accurate and a harmonious sound.

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CHAPTER III

THE METHOD OF HOLDING

THE BOW

The bow is taken in the right hand at a distance of two fingers from the nut. Then the second finger needs to pass between the hair and the stick, for the purpose of keeping the hair more taut, and the first finger must lie along the length of the stick. The thumb should support and press upon the inside of the stick. White horse-

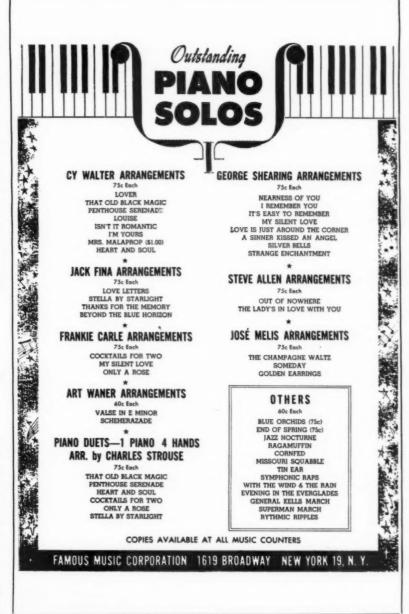
hair is the most soft for bows. The wood should be from China and it should be neither too heavy, because it would render the hand too weighty, nor too light, because it would not draw enough tone, but of a weight proportioned to the hand.⁵ This is

³ Jean Rousseau, on pp. 38f of his Traité de la viole, takes issue with the author of "a small booklet" concerning material used for the construction of viol bows. From the contents described by Rousseau, the booklet must certainly be none other than the tutor by Danoville, and the passage in question the very one noted above.

why I leave it to the choice of the player of the viol,

The bow should always be drawn along an even line, and the point must not be too high or too low. The strokes should always be produced at a distance of three fingers from the bridge, because if one plays closer only a hissing would be produced, and on the contrary if one plays further only a muffled sound would be made, which is intolerable to the ear.

In order to have a fine technique, (Continued on page 24)



⁴ The term "coin" has been used here as a translation of the French word écu, or "crown," an obsolete coin formerly worth three francs.

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HOW TO TEACH . . .

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it is necessary to have a flexibility of the wrist, and a co-ordinated arm motion as an aid. This flexibility is acquired only by diligent practice.

CHAPTER IV

RULES OF UP-BOW AND

DOWN-BOW

When the bow is drawn upwards, the front of the wrist should be pushed ahead, and the hand and fingers withdrawn, the arm remaining forward in order to assist the wrist. For a down-bow, the opposite motion is necessary. The wrist and arm are withdrawn, and the hand and fingers thus remain ahead. It is in this manner that one experiences the possibility of playing all sorts of pieces, and of practicing the most refined movements that there are in music.

The stick of the bow should be turned slightly on the strings, leaning towards the bridge. This rule should be observed both in up-bow and in down-bow.

When playing on thin strings, the arm and wrist should be raised, and on heavy ones, they should be lowered. Always hold the bow a bit turned and, whether it be up-bow or down-bow, always draw it along an even line.

It is not opportune to permit this remark concerning heavy strings to pass without noting that the viol should be in a vertical position with the fingerboard turned a bit more than usual. This permits the bow stroke to be extended. Without this position, the bow would often strike the player's apparel and his knees, which would stop it in the middle of its movement,

These general rules which I have prescribed are of great consequence to practice, and he who will not observe them will never be able to draw a beautiful sound, or to perform pieces with clarity. Here are the entire considerations and observations that I have been able to make concerning the holding of the viol, the fine hand position, and the manner of grasping the bow.

The principles and observations should serve as well for the Treble Viol as for the Bass, excepting the distance of bow stroke from the bridge, which should be proportioned to the small size of the instrument. The hand position and the manner of holding it are different, because the instrument is small, and it does not cause as much difficulty or problems. It is placed on the knees, permitting it to drop a little in order to better hold it. The fingerboard should be held away from the stomach, leaning a bit to the left, by a distance always proportional to its small size.

CHAPTER V

ON THE DIFFERENT

POSITIONS OF THE FINGERS, AS MUCH FOR THE TREBLE AS FOR THE BASS

The distance between the frets of the Bass determines that the fingering which serves for it does not also serve for the Treble. The difference is recognizable in pieces that are full of chords, composed by different authors, for the performance of which they are obliged to mark fingerings. That is to say, that when it is the first finger they mark a figure 1 above the necessary note to be played, and likewise the other fingers, sometimes a 2, a 3, or a 4....

The Treble opposes this method [of chordal playing], because use of all the fingers makes the accuracy of the tones difficult to achieve. The distance between the frets is too small and too constricted, which causes the fingers to have as much difficulty in being compressed as they have in being extended for the Bass

The method described by Danoville, according to his *Preface*, is "a true copy" of that taught by "the rarest genius" on the viol, Sainte-Colombe. A pupil of the famed violist Hotman, and a teacher of Marin Marais, Sainte-Colombe established a French school of viol playing that seventeeth-century French theorists generally acknowledge as having brought the method of performing on the viol to its zenith.

WHENCE COMETH . . .

(Continued from page 18)
yard; the pugilist lost an eye in a
brawl in Hong Kong; the thief, by
standing on tiptoe, can see the windows of my room from the county
jail; and the once gentle-eyed little
moron beats his head against a
padded wall in the state asylum.

"All of these pupils once sat in my room, sat and looked at me gravely across worn brown desks. I must have been a great help to those pupils—I taught them the rhyming scheme of the Elizabethan sonnet and how to diagram a complex sentence."

LIFT UP THINE EYES

In closing, my mind returns to Psalm 131, where in the first verse I find the basis for my suggestions and admonitions to you private teachers of music who sense the great privileges of your profession.

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The challenge is clear and powerful. You hold full responsibility for the musical lives of all your pupils. Your concepts of values and quality and your search for excellence must precede their dreams and their full flowering to maturity. Will you lift up your eyes above your daily tasks in order that you and your pupils may together "better God's work" in this magnificent art called music?

FROM THE EDITOR

(Continued from second cover) contain a new column entitled, Teacher Tattle. The column will report on the work of our teachers all across the country. Among other things this column will name students who have been outstanding in competitions, report on recitals by students and teachers, locate teachers who have moved to new addresses, pass on successful teaching techniques that you have discovered, and on and on. This information we want directly from the teachers, not sent through state officers. Be sure to include your complete name and address.

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SOME THOUGHTS . . .

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thing as the answer to all problems finger movement, wrist motion, or whatever the panacea of the moment may be!

VI

Older, experienced teachers are likely to develop "hardening of the methods," to build rigid "machines" in their teaching through which all their students must pass. "He who dares to teach must never cease to learn." To maintain a fresh outlook in teaching, to study each pupil as a unique individual, to avoid applying "idées fixes" to all one's students—these problems loom before the teacher with growing intensity as the years roll by.

VII

Beyond a certain point, every

teacher has no more to contribute to an advanced student's artistic career. One of the most difficult decisions to make (and carry out) is determining the correct answer to this question: When and where should one send a gifted student for further study with another teacher? It is one of the most soul-searching questions a conscientious teacher has to face.

VIII

Fortunately, teaching is not altogether solving problems. Many unforeseen moments of pleasure appear during lessons. As I was starting a lesson with a youngster who was embarking on her exploration of positions on the violin I asked, "Are you beginning to feel at home in the third position?" Quick as a flash came her answer: "Well, it's a new apartment!" My chuckle told an old story — once again teacher had learned something.



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BOOK FARE

THE LISTENER'S GUIDE TO MUSIC. By Percy A. Scholes. 10th Edition. London: Oxford University Press, 1961. 97 pp. \$1.25.

If Mr. Scholes could return from his celestial haunts, he would be the first to admit that this little paper-back does not go very far in explaining music. Originally designed for classes of soldiers in the first world war, the book has nevertheless reached its tenth edition, and this fact alone testifies to its popularity and its usefulness.

After a short chapter on basic terminology and a penetrating analysis of how a composer works, Scholes treats formal principles and specific forms, properly leaving the subject of program music for

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last. Following is a section on instruments of the orchestra and finally a chapter on the history of music. Appendices include a short bibliography of popular books—which could profit, incidentally, by the inclusion of a number of recent American publications—and a short glossary of terms. Eight excellent plates show the entire British Broadcasting Corporation Orchestra and its various sections.

Considering the restricted aim of this volume—to give "the plain man the irreducible minimum of knowledge" necessary for intelligent listening, it is unfair to expect detailed information. Nevertheless, some definitions are simplified to a dangerous degree. What conception, for instance, will the eager amateur gain concerning a lute, "an instrument of the guitar-kind popular in Elizabethan days?" Furthermore, the only thorough revision

occurred in the seventh edition published in 1925; and "although a few necessary changes have been made, in each impression, to bring the book up to date," there would certainly be some differences in content and treatment if Mr. Scholes were writing today. The book is undoubtedly valuable, for its limited purpose; but intelligent music students need a more thorough approach.

Robert A. Warner

UNDERSTANDING MUSIC. By William S. Newman. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1961.

Understanding Music is, to quote the sub-title, "an introduction to music's elements, styles, and forms—for both the layman and the practitioner." If the layman's interest is too casual or the practitioner's too mechanical, he had better turn to a book whose purpose is more limited—such as the Scholes volume reviewed in this issue—or to one of the many sugar-coated appreciation books whose specialty is painless understanding in minute quantity and filtered information of doubtful quality.

Understanding Music is intended primarily as a textbook for a concentrated introductory college course in music. The material "explores not only the how but the why of music's basic operations"; the organization is neatly outlined in the sub-title quoted above. Appendices include a selected list of biographies and a coordinated list of music for listening. A special feature, both stimulating and useful, is the explanation of the generative process in musical form: motivic play spawning contrapuntal genres and the musical phrase generating homophonic forms. Basically however, the greatest achievement of Prof. Newman is qualitative. Where many have failed in this most difficult task, Prof. Newman has given us a stimulating and challenging introduction to music in which he has avoided the pitfalls of distorting his material through over-simplification, of insulting his reader through a patronizing attitude, or of diluting his content with vapid anecdotes.

The second editon has benefited by "further clarification and a certain amount of aeration of the more concentrated discussions." New material is found particularly on atonality, folk song, concerto, hymn, cantata, transcriptions, and art-song. Bibliography has been brought unchedate.

tions, and art-song. Bibliography has been brought up-to-date.

This volume is highly recommended for the serious student of music, layman or practitioner, who is willing to exert the necessary effort for the rewards of understanding music.

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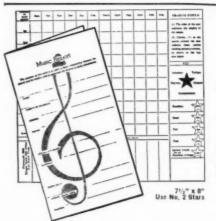
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North Dakota October 8-9, 1961. University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

October 15-17, 1961. Bancroft Hotel, Saginaw Michigan

Delaware October 21, 1961. Treadway Inn, Dover.

October 28, 1961. Delta State College, Cleveland Mississippi

Colorado October 29-30, 1961. Harvest House, Boulder October 30-31, 1961. Kansas University, Lawrence Kansas

November 1961. Shorter College, Rome Georgia

November 2-4, 1961. Southern State College, Magnolia Arkansas

South Dakota November 5-6, 1961. Yankton College, Yankton November 5-7, 1961. Azure Tides Hotel, Sarasota Florida

November 11-13, 1961. Luther College, Decorah Maryland November 12, 1961. University of Maryland, College Park

November 13-14, 1961. Berea College, Berea Kentucky

November 18-20, 1961. Albuquerque New Mexico

South Carolina January 26-28, 1962. University of South Carolina and Columbia College, Columbia

Illinois March 6-9, 1962. Hotel Loraine, Madison, Wisconsin

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Michigan April 24, 1962. Siena Heights College, Adrian

Missouri October, 1962

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November 12-13, 1962. Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln Nebraska

Divisional

February 13-16, 1962. Hotel Sheraton-Charles, New Orleans, Louisiana Southern

February 27-March 2, 1962. Hotel Sheraton-Fontelle, Omaha, Nebraska West Central

East Central March 6-9, 1962. Hotel Loraine, Madison, Wisconsin

June 27-29, 1962. Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland Eastern

June 11-14, 1962. Hotel Sheraton-Dallas, Dallas, Texas Southwestern

July 29-August 1, 1962. University of Utah, Salt Lake City Western

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March 10-13, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois 1963